

House Resolution No. 4144

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge special events experienced by Show-Me State residents who have been blessed by exceptionally long and productive lives; and

Whereas, born on August 31, 1909, in Begota, Tennessee, into the family of Josephus Clark and Lula Jane Sanders Clark, Thomas Pete Clark will soon celebrate his Ninety-sixth Birthday with a gathering of family members and friends on August 30, 2005; and

Whereas, after an enjoyable childhood filled with all types of educational and rewarding activities, Thomas Clark established a family of his own through his joyful marriage on January 12, 1929, to the former Ruby Faith Jones who has loved and cherished him with all of her heart; and

Whereas, the marital union of Thomas and Ruby Clark is richly blessed with seven wonderful children, Emma Lou, Mary Sue, Joann, John, Larry, Ronnie, and Donna; sixteen grandchildren; twenty-six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; and

Whereas, a vibrant part of the twenty-first century, Thomas Clark enjoys a life which encompassed most of the twentieth century with its first flights by heavier-than-air craft, worldwide turmoil associated with World War I and World War II, rise of the automobile as America's preferred mode of travel, demise of the Soviet Union as the Cold War drew to a close, and shift from a primarily agricultural economy to one dependent upon industry and then upon the service and information sectors; and

Whereas, Thomas Clark is a farmer who also developed and maintained an exemplary reputation for his skills in hunting deer, turkeys, and raccoons; abilities with fishing; membership in the Methodist church; enjoyment of reading; and melodious singing to his wife; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses to commemorate momentous events in the lives of such stellar citizens as Thomas Clark:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the joyous arrival of the Ninety-sixth Birthday of Thomas Clark and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon attaining such a rare milestone in life and our best wishes for many more celebratory events in the future; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Thomas Pete Clark of Thayer, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Dethrow
District No. 153

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4144, adopted August 8, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker